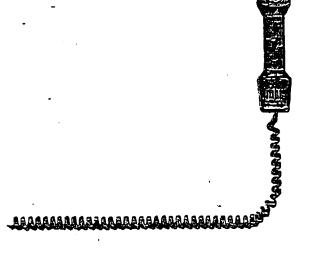
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Re: Support for Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to express my support for the settlement that the Department of Justice and several states, including North Carolina, have reached with Microsoft.

I will be pleased to see this matter resolved because it will be a boost for the technology sector, a larger force in the North Carolina economy. I believe that the certainty of the settlement will promote new investment in technology and will enhance competition in all aspects of the technology industry which will benefit consumers. With this litigation settled, the technology industry can continue its recovery and growth.

The settlement represents a reasonable compromise that has earned bipartisan support. I urge the Department of Justice and the court to approve this settlement.

Sincerely,

Senator Scott Thomas

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